

He has at least made that city famous. Maresh, I never knew where that was until two years ago and now it is one of my favorite places. The bill is an attempt to help that kind of a community. Now for Senator DeCamp to get up here and demagogue that issue about your raising taxes, I would remind him it is much too early for that kind of rhetoric. There is no election for at least fourteen months. Now that will probably be my posture down the road but this is a little early for that. So I hope that no one was persuaded by what some people would say was superficial logic, apparent superficial logic, and I can clarify it that you can leave the apparent out because it is. This is not the major tax bill that has ever to come before this body. It is second most important to two or three issues. One of those is to name the field house after Devaney and we will talk about that later. But Senator DeCamp has not dogged this issue where it shouldn't be. It is not that much of an issue. Certainly we can amend the bill down if you like to include only those villages or only those counties that need this kind of an assistance to keep the community going. It amazes me that those that are the most proponent of local control, small units of government, would vote against Senator Maresh on this issue. Senator Maresh, I just want you to know that those of us in the urban area respect your problem and try to support you on it and we will continue to support you on that bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: I wish you would have called on me first. By the time I get done following Lewis, there is not much left to say. There is a lot left to say? I would just like to point out an analogy between this and a bill that was passed back in 1972 that has to do with the Natural Resources Districts and I pointed this out at the committee hearings. In 1972, we allowed Natural Resource Districts by petition if the people of a particular area wanted to tax themselves, they could petition the Natural Resources District and have the Natural Resources District level a tax on them. I am familiar with this because this happened in my district and the people have petitioned to have the same thing done. If you use the same analogy, then Senator DeCamp, I would fully expect you to ask for repeal of that next week, if not sooner. The point is that the people in that community know what they want to have. This bill allows them to have it and I would say that, yes, Senator DeCamp, while there is not an election that I disagree with your evaluation. That to me a petition clearly indicates whether or not the people are in favor or opposed to something. It also then does not allow for the additional cost of having an election. I would support this bill and encourage other members to do so, also.

PRESIDENT: Senator Boughn.

SENATOR BOUGHN: Mr. President, members of the body, a number of people in my district favor and endorse this bill, LB 29, of Senator Maresh's. Therefore, I wholeheartedly endorse the bill of Senator Maresh's.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.